# **Newly Elected Trustees**

Indiana Township Association
January 2015

#### **Contact Information**

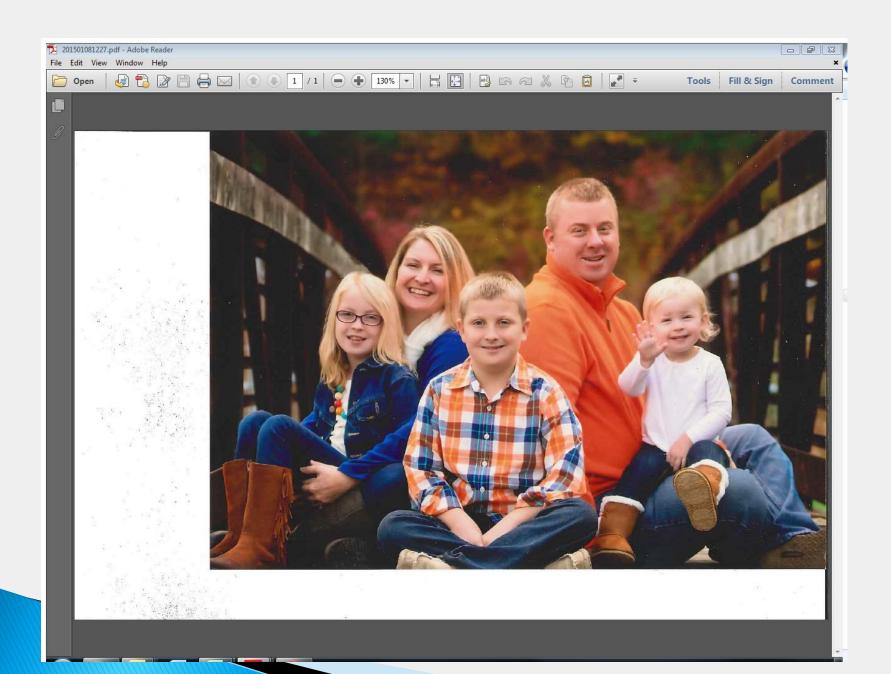
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#### Ryan Preston

- Director of Audit Services
  - Primary responsibilities are to Schools and Townships

Born and Raised in Winchester, IN Graduated from Hanover College in 2001 Worked for SBOA in the field from 2001 to 2011 Worked for SBOA in the office from 2011 to present



# Indiana State Board of Accounts



#### History and Functions

 Created in 1909 in response to widespread political corruption.

- Responsibilities
  - Perform audit/exams/special investigations of governmental units
  - Prescribe forms and procedures used by governmental units
  - Various other duties including recounts, training for local officials, consulting services, other legislatively mandated services.

# SBOA Organizational Flowchart

- SBOA Board (State Examiner, 2 Deputies)
- Directors of Audit Services (6 and 1 Assistant)
- Audit Coordinators (5)
- Special Investigation Coordinators (5)
- Field Examiners (approx. 130)

#### Special Investigation Coordinators

#### Mary Jo Small (<u>masmall@sboafe.in.gov</u>) Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Marshall, Starke, Newton,

Jasper, Pulaski, Fulton, Cass, Carroll, White, and Benton

#### 2. Dean Gerlach (dgerlach@sboafe.in.gov)

Elkhart, LaGrange, Stueben, DeKalb, Noble, Kokciusko, Whitley, Allen, Adams, Wells, Huntington, Wabash, Miami, Howard, Grant, Blackford, Jay, Randolph, Delaware, and Tipton

#### 3. Tammy Baker (tbaker@sboa.in.gov)

Hamilton, Madison, Marion, Hancock, Henry, Wayne, Union, Fayette, Rush, Shelby, Johnson, Brown, Bartholomew, Decatur, and Franklin

#### 4. Ron Robertson (<a href="mailto:rrobertson@sboafe.in.gov">rrobertson@sboafe.in.gov</a>)

Jackson, Jennings, Ripley, Dearborn, Ohio, Switzerland, Jefferson, Scott, Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Washington, Orange, Crawford, Perry, Dubois, Spencer, Warrick, Pike, Gibson, Posey, and Vanderburgh

#### 5. Gina Gambaiani (ggambaiani@sboafe.in.gov)

Warren, Tippecanoe, Clinton, Boone, Montgomery, Fountain, Vermillion, Parke, Putnam, Hendricks, Morgan, Owen, Clay, Vigo, Sullivan, Greene, Monroe, Lawrence, Martin, Daviess, and Knox

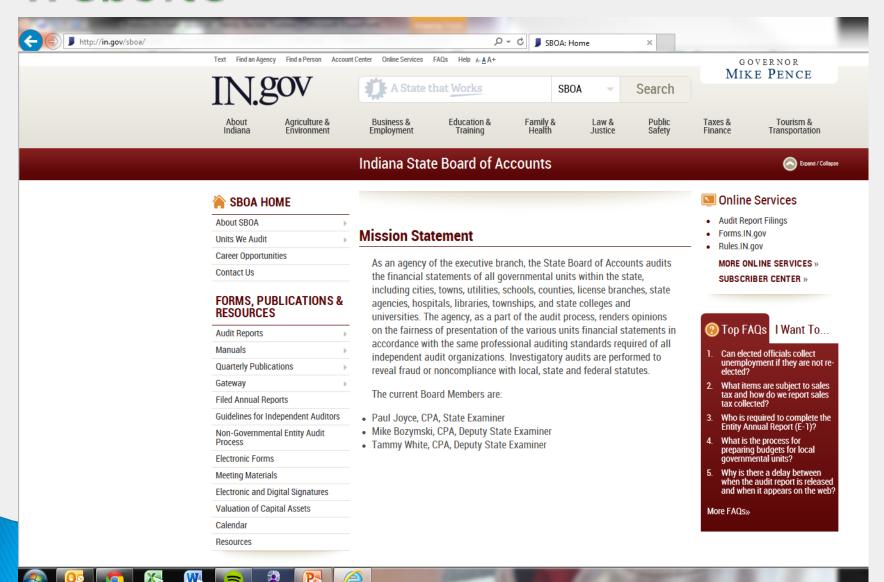
#### **SBOA** Resources

>>> www.in.gov/sboa

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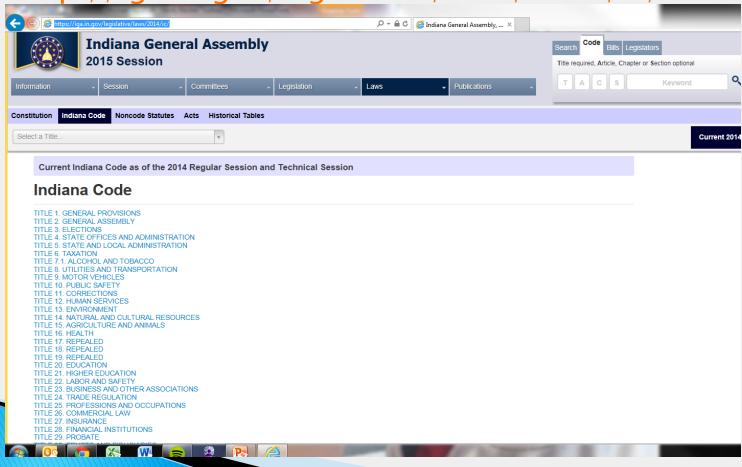
- Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships
- Township Bulletin
  - Quarterly Publication
    - March
    - June
    - August
    - November

#### Website



#### Other Resource!

- Indiana Code
  - http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2014/ic/



# Trustee's Responsibilities

Indiana Code 36-6-4-2
Indiana Code 36-6-4-3
Indiana Code 36-6-4-5
Indiana Code 36-6-4-11
Indiana Code 36-6-4-12
Indiana Code 36-6-4-13

#### Trustee's Responsibilities

- Reside within the township
- Keep a written record of official proceedings
- Manage all township property interest
- Keep township records open for public inspection
- Attend all meetings of the township legislative body
- Receive and pay out township funds
- Examine and settle all accounts and demands chargeable against the township

- Administer township assistance under IC 12-20 and 12-30-4
- Perform the duties of fence viewer under IC 32-26
- Provide and maintain cemeteries under IC 23-14
- ▶ Provide fire protection under IC 36–8
- File an annual personnel report under IC 5− 11−13 (100R)
- Provide and maintain township parks and community centers under IC 36-10

- Destroy detrimental plants, noxious weeds, and rank vegetation under IC 15-16-8
- ▶ Provide insulin to the poor under IC 12–20–16
- Perform other duties prescribed by statute.
- Maintain a general account showing the total of all township receipts and expenditures (this is a total of all funds)
- Maintain the financial and appropriation record of the township, which must include an itemized and accurate account of the township's financial affairs.

- ▶ At the annual township meeting as described in IC 36-6-6-11
  - Present an itemized written statement of the estimated expenditures for which appropriations are requested.
  - Be available to answer questions from the legislative body and/or taxpayers.
  - Present a complete report of all receipts and expenditures of the preceding calendar year.
    - File a copy of this report, and all accompanying vouchers in the County Auditor's office.
    - Publish an abstract of this report in accordance with IC 5-3-1

- ▶ Reporting requirement per IC 5-11-1-4
- Nepotism and Contracting Policies per IC 36– 1–20.2 and IC 36–1–21
  - In addition to what Ryan pointed out in the Gateway presentation, per IC 36-1-20.2-16 & IC 36-1-21-6 you are annually required to certify that you did not violate those policies.
  - Nepotism exception for townships (IC 36–1–20.2–15)
    - If the office is in your home, you can hire a family member, but they cannot receive more than \$5,000 in compensation for the year.

# Before you take office!

Indiana Code 5-4-1-1
Indiana Code 5-4-1-18

## Before you take office!

- ▶ Pursuant to IC 5-4-1-1:
  - "Every officer...before entering...official duties, shall take an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana..."
- Pursuant to IC 5-4-1-18:
  - "...the following...township officers...shall file an individual surety bond...Township trustees..."
  - Per IC 5-4-1-9, this is required before commencement of your term of office.

#### Before you take office! (continued)

- Official Bond requirements:
  - Approved by County Auditor (IC 5-4-1-8)
  - Filed with County Recorder within 10 days of issuance (IC 5-4-1-5.1)
  - Be payable to the State of Indiana (IC 5-4-1-10)
  - Amount shall be equal to \$30,000 for each \$1,000,000 or receipts during the last complete fiscal year (IC 5-4-1-18)
    - Minimum = \$30,000
    - Maximum = \$300,000 (unless approved)

## Transfer of Office

>>> Indiana Code 36-6-4-14

#### Transfer of Office

- When the term of office expires, the trustee shall:
  - Immediately deliver to new trustee all funds and property of the township, except records necessary in the preparation of the annual report.
  - Deliver, not later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in the next January, the annual report and any records retained.
  - Attend the annual meeting of the township board.

# Compensation

**>> IC** 36-6-4-17

#### Compensation

- A trustee is entitled to receive:
  - Salary
  - Reimbursement for expenses reasonably incurred for:
    - Operation of the office
    - Travel and meals while attending seminars or conferences on township matters
    - A sum for mileage as permitted under IC 36-6-8-3(b)
- A trustee may not make any other personal use of township funds without prior approval by the township board.

#### Compensation (continued)

- Other things to remember:
  - Salary can not be paid in advance
  - Salary cannot exceed the Salary Resolution adopted by the board (Form 17)
  - Salary for all employees (including board members) are required to have taxes withheld and a W-2 has to be given.

# Township Board

>> Indiana Code 36-6-6

#### **Township Board**

- 3 Member board (except in Marion County)
  - Elected to 4 year terms
- Must be reside in the Township
- A majority constitutes a quorum
- Must meet at the office of the trustee on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in January of each year (January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015):
  - Must elect a Chairperson and a Secretary
  - Secretary is responsible for recording the minutes of the proceedings of each meeting in full.

### Township Board (continued)

- Must meet on or before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in February (February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015)
  - Consider and approve (in whole or in part) the Annual Report presented by Trustee.
- Must meet annually in accordance with IC 6-1.1-17 to adopt the township annual budget
- Must fix the compensation of all officers and employees of the township through the budget and on Form 17

## **Audit Process**

>>> Indiana Code 5–11–1–25

#### **Audit Process**

- Pursuant to IC 5-11-1-25, examinations shall be conducted biennially for townships.
- Types of Engagements:
  - Financial Examination
  - Federal A-133 Audit
  - Compliance Review
  - Investigatory Audit

#### Audit Process (continued)

- Entrance Conference
- Request of your records
  - Depends on engagement type, but will probably include:
    - Bank statements/reconciliations
    - Receipts
    - Claims/Vouchers
    - Board Minutes
    - Ledgers
    - Etc.
- Exit Conference
  - Update you on our findings and give you a chance to respond

# Forms / Accounting Systems

#### **Accounting Systems**

- Manual Ledgers
- Computer Software
  - Needs to comply with Chapter XIV (14!) of the Township Manual
  - Output forms need to be consistent with approved forms

#### **Forms**

- Ledger
- 17 Resolution establishing salaries of Township Officers and Employees
- Mileage Claim
- Township Assistance Application
- Capital Assets Ledger

#### **Annual Reports**

- There are three reports commonly referred to as the Annual report:
  - 1. Report required by IC 36-6-4-12 to be presented to the Township Board;
  - 2. Report required by IC 36-6-4-13 to be published in accordance with IC 5-3-1; and
  - 3. Report required by IC 5-11-1-4 to be filed with the State Examiner.

#### Initial Steps for Gateway System

- The first step for newly elected Trustees is to email <u>annualreports@sboa.in.gov</u> and request a username and password. In the email you should include the following:
  - 1. that your are the newly elected Trustee for "XYZ" Township;
  - 2. you should indicate your name; and
  - 3. you should indicate the email address that you would like to use for Gateway related notifications.

#### Indiana Gateway for Government Units

- Gateway Public Website
  - https://gateway.ifionline.org/



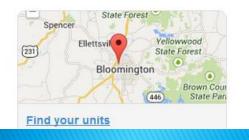
Learn More



#### An Open Door into Local Government Finance

Gateway collects and provides access to information about how taxes and other public dollars are budgeted and spent by Indiana's local units of government.

Download Data



Report Builder

A Home





#### Indiana Gateway for Government Units

- Gateway Home Screen
  - Applications are available for multiple agencies.

#### Welcome to the Indiana Gateway for Government Units

As an authorized user, you will have at least one application to use. Each of these applications enables a local unit to submit its required forms, reports or files to the appropriate state agency, which currently include **DLGF** (Department of Local Government Finance), **SBOA** (State Board of Accounts) and **IEERB** (Indiana Education Employment Relations Board).

# Select Application Budgets Debt Management Annual Financial Report SB 131 Reporting for SWMDs TIF Management 100R Collective Bargaining Reporting

# Certified Report of Names, Addresses, Duties and Compensation of Public Employees (Form 100R)

Ability to auto fill address fields.

#### 100R Employee Data Entry

Save All Work

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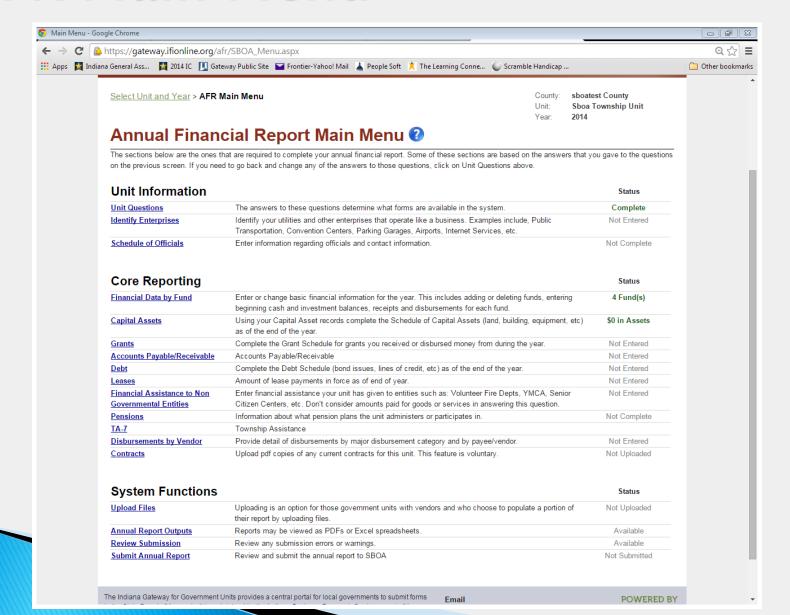
Enter total compensation for the reporting year for each employee for which you should have supplied a W-2. Many units inappropriately report board member payments on 1099s. According to IRS requirements they should be issued W-2s, and therefore should be included on the 100R.

#### Set Default Address

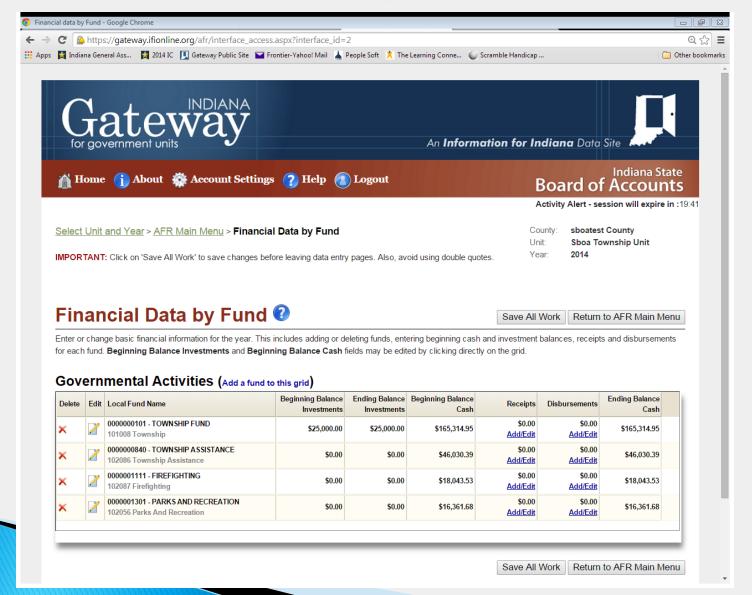
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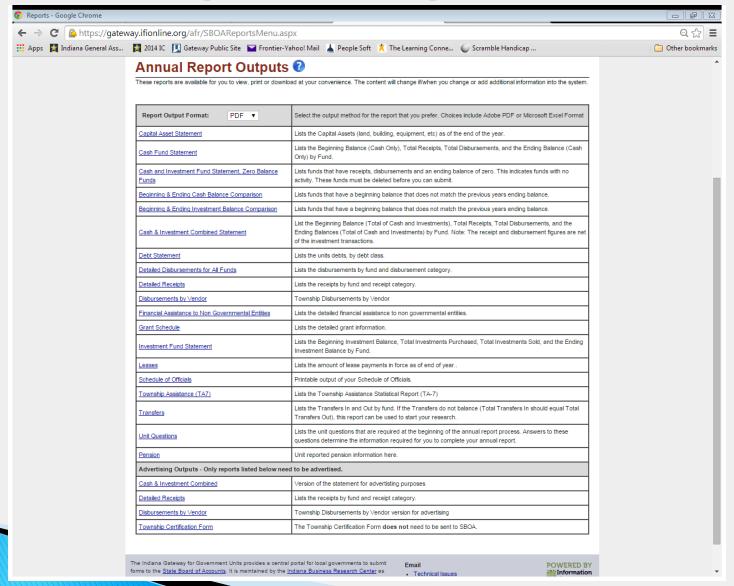
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# Financial Data By Fund



## **Annual Report Outputs**



#### Annual Financial Report (AFR)

#### Submit AFR and Attestation Statement

#### **Submit Annual Report**

#### The Annual Report has been submitted

The online portion of the Annual Report for Sboa Township Unit was submitted to the State Board of Accounts on 9/18/2014 1:30:00 PM. The Annual Report is not considered submitted until the attestation form is completed, signed and mailed.

#### Return to the AFR Main Menu

#### ! Attestation Statement

To complete your Annual Financial Report submission you must also download the attestation form using the link below, complete and sign this form and have it postmarked within 5 days of submitting your report via Gateway.



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